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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
WHICH MONITORS LIFETIMES OF EXPENDABLES

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, lines 18-24  
as follows:

FIG. 3 illustrates the toner cartridge 14 and the  
process unit ~~16~~ 15. The process unit 15 contains the drum 16  
and a developing device 24. A toner sensor 25 is provided at  
the bottom of the developing device 24. The sensor 25  
functions as a detecting section that detects the amount of  
toner supplied from the toner cartridge 14.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 4-14 as follows:

The toner sensor 25 may detect that the toner is running out and detects the same fact again when the number of sheets printed has ~~exceeds~~ exceeded the prescribed value. If so, the order is placed again for a new toner cartridge 14. This may take place when a toner cartridge used to some extent, not a new one, is inserted into the image forming apparatus, replacing the toner cartridge that has been used up. Thus, an order can be transmitted for not only a new toner cartridge, but also a cartridge used to some extent. Therefore a new toner cartridge is ~~gotten~~ obtained.

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And please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 6-11 as follows:

The sheet-number storage section 334 and the preset sheet-number storage section 335 constitute a detecting section. Therefore, when the number of sheets printed by using the drum 16 exceeds the preset number of ~~sheet~~ sheets, the CPU 31 determines that the lifetime of the drum 16 has just expired.